

RAILROAD WRITER PAINTS DEATH VALLEY IN STRONG COLORS

Agency Advertising Valley As Scenic Wonder. Picturing it as Terrifying Place

Death Valley—mysterious, terrifying, awesome. The very name suggests "that land from which no man returns".

In the mountain fastnesses which wall either side of the valley are stored nature's treasure chests—gold, silver and lead mines of such fabulous wealth to stagger the imagination.

Death valley is no man's friend. Even the Indians shunned its terrors and crossed it only when necessary to get to the rich and fertile valleys beyond.

But before we go further into its gruesome history, let us ascend Chloride Cliffs and view the most wonderful sight ever beheld by man—the panorama of Death Valley.

Directly ahead, across the abyss, stands the snow-capped peak of the mountain in the Sierra Nevada range, rising to a height of over 14,501 feet, the highest peak in the United States.

As the eye becomes accustomed to the view, new angles are revealed. The mountain seems to shiver in the heat waves arising. The floor looks like a vat of molten metal pouring out in different directions.

There are canyons leading into the valley which have never been trod by the foot of man—the mysterious strongholds of nature's wealth of gold and silver.

With an effort one frees himself from the fascination of the sight below to a glance at the crest of Mr. Whitney, a hundred miles away, but in that rarified atmosphere seemingly but a stone's throw, and sees the setting sun tinting the snow-covered crown of that majestic peak to rose and gold.

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life the specters of the past—the covered wagons of the pioneers, who, seeking a short route to California, marked their way across the desert with abandoned vehicles, lonely graves and unburied corpses.

There were the "Jayhawkers" that gay band of young men, who organized a trip across the desert to the newly discovered land of gold in 1850.

Near the entrance of the valley a little plot contains 13 graves of immigrants, who had never reached the gold of California. Old desert rats say that the stronger members of the party had gone on for help at the San Fernando Mission in Southern California.

F. M. Smith, known as the Borax King, took from Death valley a mammoth fortune, and too in a spectacular manner invaded New York.

Furnace Creek ranch is about 50 miles from Scotty's ranch, and the only oasis in that part of the valley. Borax Smith developed this ranch so as to be able to take care of his mules, needed to team borax from the deposits in the Funeral range mountains into Barstow.

One of the picturesque sights associated with Death Valley is that of the twenty-mule team of Borax Smith wending their way out of the valley to the refining plants.

New discoveries of the wonders of Death Valley are made as new avenues of entrance to this unexplored region are developed. One of the more recent is the Ubehebe Crater.

Once the most shunned place in America, Death Valley will soon become the most interesting. Thousands of visitors from all parts of the world who have years heard of this mysterious valley, from which few men were wont to return, will soon be able to view the wonders of Death Valley not only with absolute safety but in comfort and even luxury.

The Pacific Coast Borax Co. will have completed by February a luxurious hotel near Furnace Creek ranch. From the site of this hotel, the entire panorama of the valley, presenting a glow of color never to be forgotten.

These Union Pacific tours will start February 1, and be run three times a week for west-bound patronage only. Later on these tours will be run from Los Angeles on eastbound trains and it is expected that Death Valley will soon become one of the great tourist attractions of America.

NEVADA MINE OUTPUT TOTALS \$26,084,000 FOR THE YEAR 1926

Comstock Merger Mining Company Has Largest Production, While Nevada Consolidated Paid Biggest Dividend

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15—The value of the gold, zinc, silver copper, lead and zinc in Nevada increased from \$23,309,352 in 1925 to about \$26,084,000 in 1926, according to a preliminary statement prepared by V. C. Heikes, of the Bureau of Mines, department of commerce.

The dividends paid by Nevada mining companies in 1926, according to published reports, amount to about \$3,327,054, nearly all of which was paid by the Nevada Consolidated Copper company now operating properties in Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico. Other contributors were the Betty O'Neal and Tonopah Mining companies.

The gold output decreased from \$3,867,798 in 1925 to \$3,708,000 in 1926, on account of the marked decrease in bullion from the mines of Jarbridge and Tonopah. The Comstock Merger Mining company, remained the leading producer of gold in the state, but the property was closed in December.

Lead output decreased slightly from 24,476,452 pounds in 1925 to about 23,700,000 pounds in 1926, and the value from \$2,129,151 to about \$1,967,000. The Combined Metals mine at Pioche was again the largest producer of lead, but it was followed closely by the Eureka Holly mine at Eureka.

The zinc recovered from ore mined decreased from 14,821,293 pounds in 1925 to about 3,500,000 pounds in 1926 and from \$1,126,418 in value to about \$698,000. The decrease is accounted for by the closing of the Yellow Pine mine which for many years was the largest zinc producer in the state.

The silver production decreased from 7,096,618 ounces in 1925 to about 6,482,000 ounces in 1926, and the value from \$4,925,053 to \$4,032,000. The Tonopah district produced about 2,080,000 ounces of silver, a decrease from 3,370,409 ounces in 1925 due largely to curtailment at the Tonopah Extension property.

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An Anomalous Situation.

W. S. Farish, president of the American Petroleum Institute says:

"It is a curious fact, and this said in no spirit of criticism that should be pending at the same time one inquiry and two investigations of the oil industry proceeding from different departments of the government; one asking in substance whether there is not a waste of oil because of its cheapness, and two whether there is not a waste of the consumer's dollar because of high prices.

"However anomalous the situation may be, there is considerable comfort in having one government agency make an inquiry to ascertain whether more unified effort and more cooperation than now exists, or is now permitted, would not be in the national interest, even if contemporaneously we must convince two departments of the government that such as there is falls within lawful limits.

"There is no fact, no condition or influence pertaining to oil which cannot be settled right—and to this end it behooves us all to lend our assistance."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH SERVICES

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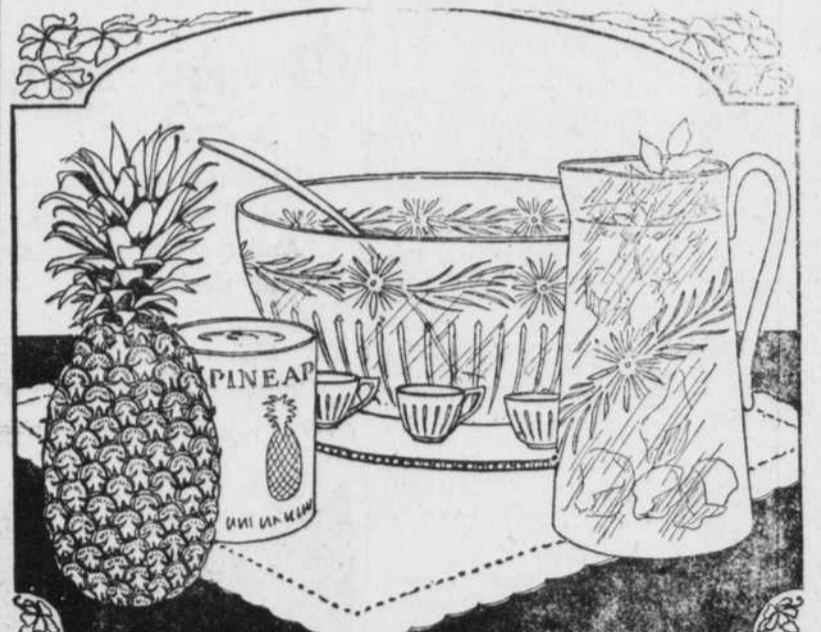
An air service expert says that flying is safer than standing behind the business end of a mule. But that statement if true does not prove that aviation is particularly healthful.

A matrimonial expert says the kind of girl for a fellow to marry is one with a big appetite. This may be the kind to marry but it is not the kind to take with you to a night club.

Engineers are told that in 1931 it will be possible to run an automobile fifty miles for five cents, provided, of course, that room can be found on the roads. —Boston Transcript.

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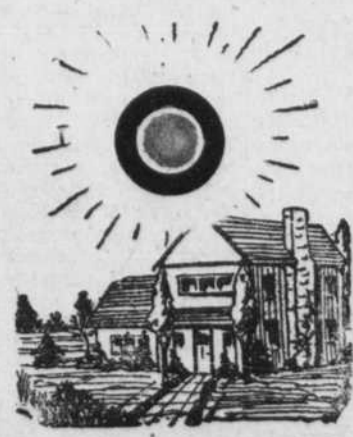
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SOME DELICIOUS DRINKS FOR DRY DAYS

A BIG, juicy, sun-kissed pineapple is one of the best sources of delicious drinks, punches and ices that we have today. In fact it might well be termed the "little brown jug" of Volstead days containing as it does Nature's own "kick" in its amber liquor.

- PINEAPPLE JULEP 3 cups water 1/3 cup sugar 1 1/2 cups Hawaiian pineapple juice 3 tablespoons lime juice 3 tablespoons minced mint Boil the sugar and half the water for ten minutes. Cool, add remainder of the water, fruit juices and the mint. Allow to stand one hour, strain, add ice and garnish with fresh mint leaves.



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